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EXCELA HEALTH NAMED LUNG CANCER SCREENING CENTER OF EXCELLENCE
Joins More Than 370 Screening Centers Across the Country
Following Best Practices Outlined by Lung Cancer Alliance

GREENSBURG, PA, May 10, 2016 ...Excela Health has been named a Screening Center of Excellence by the Lung Cancer Alliance (LCA) for its ongoing commitment to responsible lung cancer screening. Low dose CT screening for lung cancer carried out safely, efficiently and equitably saves tens of thousands of lives a year. Excela Advanced Lung Center at Mountain View Medical Park, 200 Village Drive in Greensburg, and Excela Advanced Lung Center at Excela Square at Norwin, 8775 Norwin Ave., Suite B, in North Huntingdon are both listed on the LCA Screening Centers of Excellence Web site.

“We are proud and honored to be working with Excela Health as a Lung Cancer Alliance Screening Center of Excellence. Their commitment to practice responsible lung cancer screening will lead to advancements in research and many lives saved. They are an example to follow,” says LCA President and CEO, Laurie Fenton Ambrose.

Designated Screening Centers of Excellence are committed to provide clear information based on current evidence on who is a candidate for lung cancer screening, and to comply with comprehensive standards based on best practices developed by professional bodies such as the American College of Radiology (ACR), the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) and the International Early Lung Cancer Action Program (I-ELCAP) for controlling screening quality, radiation dose and diagnostic procedures within an experienced, multi-disciplinary clinical setting.

“Excela Health is dedicated to providing patients with the highest quality care. Low dose CT screening has shown to be the only proven method to detect lung cancer at an early and treatable stage. We are proud to be part of this elite group, setting an example for responsible
screening practices across the country,” says Excela Health general and thoracic surgeon Michael Szwerc, MD, director of the Advanced Lung Center.

Becoming known as the “mammogram” of lung cancer testing, the low dose CT scan aids in finding cancer sooner and with early detection generally more treatment options may be available.

Recommendations for screening include the following:
- Individuals between ages 55 and 77
- Current or former smoker
- Smoking habit of a pack a day for 30 years or two packs a day for 15 years
- No history of lung cancer

To learn more, or schedule a low dose CT scan, call 1-844-2TESTME, or visit www.excelahealth.org

About Lung Cancer Alliance
LCA is the leading non-profit organization dedicated to saving lives and advancing research by empowering people living with or at risk for lung cancer. LCA provides live, professional support, referral and information services to patients, their loved ones and those at risk for lung cancer; conducts national awareness campaigns, including the award winning No One Deserves to Die Campaign attacking the stigma of the disease and the Moments Campaign, spreading word about the risk and screening with a risk navigator tool for consumers; and advocates for multiple millions in public health dollars for lung cancer research.

Lung Cancer Alliance launched the National Framework for Excellence in Lung Cancer Screening and Continuum of Care in 2012 and now have over 370 sites committed to the guidelines. The National Framework lays out a bill of rights for the at-risk public and guiding principles for lung cancer screening sites. www.lungcanceralliance.org